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Weather



Today

High: 90, Low: 71
30% Thunderstorms



Saturday

High: 88, Low: 71
40% Thunderstorms



Sunday

High: 87, Low: 70
30% Thunderstorms



Monday

High: 89, Low: 68
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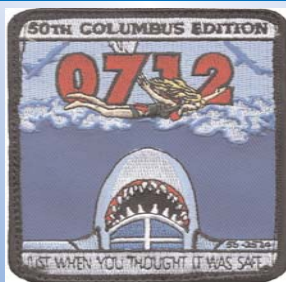
60/65 Golf Tournament

There will be a golf tournament at 1 p.m. Friday at Whispering Pines Golf Course. This is a four-person nine-hole scramble. Cost is \$15 per person plus green fees. This cost includes the prize fund. Golf carts are extra and are on a first come first serve basis. There will be a longest drive contest on #8 and a closest-to-the-pin contest on #1. All benefits go toward the Air Force Ball. Call the Pro Shop at 434-7932 to register a team.

Town Hall Meeting

There will be a Town Hall meeting at 6 p.m. Aug. 23 at the Columbus Club. The main topic being addressed is education. Other issues at CAFB, such as housing privatization, will also be addressed during the meeting. This meeting will be open to all BLAZE Team and family members. Make sure to get your questions ready, as this is your time to address issues being faced at Columbus AFB.

Inside



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SUPT class 07-12 graduates today at 10 a.m. at the base theater.

Heart Link



U.S. Air Force Photo by Airman 1st Class Danielle Powell

Gwen Brown, wife of Colonel Mark Brown, 14th Mission Support Group commander, and Denise Bowlan, wife of Chief Master Sgt. Ron Bowlan, 14th Flying Training Wing Command Chief Master Sgt., listen to a quick introduction at the Heart Link Social at the Airman and Family Readiness Center Thursday. Heart Link is an program for spouses of military members new to CAFB or the military. The next Heart Link will be Sept. 19 at the Airman and Family Readiness Center. For more information, call 434-2790.

48th FTS to compete in AMC rodeo

Capt. Matthew Humphrey
14th Operations Group

A four man team from the 48th Flying Training Squadron departed July 20 for McChord AFB, Wash., with the unique opportunity to participate in the 2007 Air Mobility Command Rodeo. The AMC Rodeo challenges aircrews from all over the world in every aspect of their airframe's mission. More than 55 U.S. and international teams, with more than 2,500 people in total, are slated to compete in the event to be held Sunday through Saturday at McChord AFB. There are 45 U.S. teams, including

three from the Marine Corps and one from the Coast Guard, as well as international competitors from Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Egypt, Germany, the Netherlands, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Turkey and the United Arab Emirates. Nineteen other countries are sending observer teams as well.

Normally the AMC Rodeo is exclusively reserved for mobility aircrews, but this year T-1A aircraft from Randolph AFB, Texas, Vance AFB, Okla., Laughlin AFB, Texas, and Columbus AFB, Miss., have also been invited

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COLUMBUS AFB TRAINING TIMELINE

PHASE II

	Senior
Squadron	Track
Squadron	Class
Overall	Select

PHASE III

	Senior
Squadron	
Squadron	Class
Overall	Graduation

IFF

	Senior	Squadron
Squadron	Class	
Overall	Graduation	
49th (07-JB)	2.17 days	2.17 days

WING SORTIE BOARD

Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
T-37	1297	1083	21,865
T-6	1222	978	5,954
T-1	928	912	11,102
T-38	1042	931	11,614

Lt. General Larsen says farewell

Capt. Martin Gerst

Air Education and Training Command
Public Affairs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – Sitting in his office, his desk and walls adorned with mementos of a career spanning more than three decades, Lt. Gen. Dennis R. Larsen sums up his time as an Airman with a simple description, “It’s been great!”

General Larsen, Vice Commander of Air Education and Training Command, retires today after a long, distinguished career.

“When I joined the Air Force I thought I’d be in for six years and then I extended it by 30. I haven’t regretted it a minute,” General Larsen said.

The general followed in his family’s footsteps when he joined the Air Force. His father served in the Army Air Corps during World War II and his brother was in the Air Force. General Larsen was attending college in Wisconsin at the height of the Vietnam conflict when his birth date was picked for the draft lottery.

“I was going into the military, so I joined the Air Force,” the general said.

Given only two choices for his career -- pilot or navigator -- he chose pilot. “Until I joined the Air Force, I had never been in an airplane in my life. I was already signed up to become a pilot before I got to touch my first real airplane,” he said.

General Larsen is a command pilot with more than 4,200 flight hours. He holds a special place in his heart for each aircraft he’s flown.

The F-4 was the first fighter he flew. “Every time I see it, my heart still gets racing,” he said.

“The F-16 is like having your own sports car. It’s just a neat airplane to fly,” he said. The F-16 is the only airframe the general flew in combat.

“I loved the F-117 because I was in on the ground floor of something special. I started working the program before the first airplane was even being built, and so I have a real soft spot in my heart for the stealth fighter, the Nighthawk,” the general said.

Being part of that program was one of the many highlights of his career. “It was probably the most difficult thing that I’ve done because basically for four years I wasn’t home all week and I came home on weekends,” he said.

His family was kept in the dark about it until eight years later
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14th SFS welcomes new commander

Airman 1st Class Danielle Powell
14th Flying Training Wing
Public Affairs

Major Russell Stilling relinquished command of the 14th Security Forces Squadron to Maj. Kiley Stinson Tuesday in a ceremony at the Columbus Club.

In his previous assignment, Major Stinson was the Executive Officer to the Director of Security Forces at the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

To the men and women of the 14th SFS, Major Stinson says it is his "privilege to lead you."

Major Stilling has been selected to attend Air Command Staff College, Montgomery, Ala. There he will prepare to lead the Air, Space and Cyberspace Force in Joint/Combined Operations.

The 14th Security Forces Squadron maintains 24-hour law enforcement, security and antiterrorism/force protection for a base community of 10,000 personnel. They are responsible for wing resource protection valued at over \$793 million, crime prevention, military working dog support, unit security programs and combat arms. They are also the liaison to other AF installations, federal, state and local police agencies.



U. S. Air Force Photo by Airman 1st Class Danielle Powell

Major Kiley Stinson assumed command of the 14th Security Forces Squadron Tuesday in a ceremony at the Columbus Club. Major Stinson assumed command from Major Russell Stilling.

Cadet's point of view



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Being a cadet from Las Vegas, Nev., Cadet Fosmoe found the entire experience both challenging and rewarding being among fine cadets with many aspirations to become pilots, doctors, lawyers, cops and even scientists as second lieutenants. The cadets left Columbus with a better understanding of things to come and more equipped to lead the next generation of the United States Air Force.

The truth about ADHD

Capt. Colin Burchfield
14th Medical Operations Squadron

Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder is one of the most popular psychological diagnoses today. It has been estimated that between four percent and 13 percent of our child population in the U.S. has been diagnosed with ADHD. The number of office-based visits documenting a diagnosis of ADHD ballooned from 947,208 in 1990 to 2,357,833 in 1995. Most of the research on ADHD focuses on discovering the causes of ADHD or the effects of medical treatments of ADHD. Most findings that are reported to the public indicate that ADHD is biological in nature and therefore should be treated with medications. Unfortunately, there are a number of conflicting issues associated with these research findings.

We hear a great deal about biological/genetic causes being responsible for ADHD. However, we don't often hear about the conflicting issues during the data gathering phase of research that can make research finding rather difficult to understand. For example, there are difficulties related to the use of twins in studying the genetic link in ADHD. In such studies, the method used to gather data often leads to reporting higher percentage rates of ADHD among twins than is actually occurring. One problem with the data gathering method is that often times one twin in a pair is counted twice for the same research versus once. Such problems in these methods could signify that there could be other contributors to ADHD besides genetics but these other contribu-

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In Focus

Tech. Sgt. Tara White
14th Flying Training Wing



Job Title: NCOIC Military Justice

Time at Columbus AFB: 1 year

Time in Service: 11 years
Hometown: Pinellas Park, Fla.

Family: Tech. Sgt. Christopher White, Brenden, 5, and Ryan, 3

Favorite Musical Artist: Nickelback

Favorite Movie: Erin Brockovich

Pet Peeve: Dirty floors

Bedside Book: all kids books, all over the house
Inspirations: my kids and grandmother

Personal Motto: Don't put both feet in your mouth at the same time because then you won't have a leg to stand on.

14th Flying Training Wing
deployed

As of press time, **62 BLAZE TEAM** members are deployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.



Housing privatization questions answered

Columbus AFB is will privatize family housing no earlier than October 1. The Military Family Housing Office would like to answer any questions or concerns that BLAZE Team members have about the privatization. There will also be a Town Hall meeting that will address issues about housing privatization Aug. 23 at 6 p.m. at the Columbus Club. The Town Hall meeting is open to all Columbus AFB military and their spouses.

Q: How will unit assignments be determined?

A: Typically, privatization projects require the units to be designated for specific ranks and family size. The Project Owner will offer units to members based on the rank/grade of the member authorized to reside in unit type designation.

Q: How many bedrooms do I qualify for?

A: Typically, military families are authorized one bedroom per child, up to a maximum of four children per housing unit. When making unit offers to a member, the Project Owner will adhere to the requirements set forth in the Project Documents.

Q: I only have one child. Can I get a four bedroom house?

A: Yes. Members may request to "rent up" in privatized housing as long as the unit they wish to rent meets the criteria referred to as "unit-based-rent". When "renting up," the member usually incurs the additional cost of the higher unit rent.

Q: My spouse and I are both military. My spouse is the senior ranking member and collects single-rate BAH and I collect with-dependent rate BAH. How is our rent calculated?

A: Rent is at the with-dependent rate of the senior ranking member. Members will be referred to housing based upon the senior rank of the couple. Both Members will draw BAH at the appropriate rate, with or without dependents, as appropriate. The members are entitled to retain any BAH funds in excess of the rent and utilities.

Q: If two single airmen share a unit, how will their rent be determined? Do they each pay half? Do they both receive full BAH?

A: Unaccompanied airmen who are not quartered in unaccompanied quarters on base receive BAH at the unaccompanied rate, regardless of

where they live. If there are no eligible military families on the Waiting List for privatized housing, the Project Owner may rent units to unaccompanied members, subject to the terms of the project documents. Depending on those terms, unaccompanied members may be eligible to share a unit. Rent for the unit is typically "Market Rent," which is based on local market rental costs of similar units. While the Property Manager commonly requires both Unaccompanied Airmen to sign the tenant lease, the airmen are permitted to divide the payment of the rent as they choose. However, there may be some project-specific variations to these practices.

Q: If I am sent on a remote assignment for a year and my family stays behind in family housing that becomes privatized while I am away, how will BAH payments be handled?

A: Prior to departing for a remote assignment, members need to sign legal documents which grant their spouse three special powers of attorneys:

POA to enter into a lease agreement on behalf of the member,

POA to start BAH payments, and

POA to start an allotment to pay rent directly to the Project Owner.

When MFH units are privatized, the Housing Office and Base Legal Office will assist the member's spouse during the transition to establish the above three items.

Per DoD FMR Vol. 7A, BAH is based on the location of the Member's dependents.

Q: I want to move to a unit in the middle of the month. Is the rent pro-rated?

A: Yes, the rent is pro-rated. The method of pro-ration is dependent upon the Project Owner's policy (which typically is described in the Tenant Lease Agreement, the Tenant Handbook, or the Privatization Housing Brochure.)

Q: Will current housing tenants have the option to vacate before privatization occurs and before their one year obligation to remain in Military Family Housing expires?

A: Yes. Stop by the housing office for further information.

For more information on the housing privatization that will take place in the near future, please contact the housing office at 434-2840.

FAREWELL

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when the F-117 was brought out of the black world. The general was later reunited with the Nighthawk as the commander of the 49th Fighter Wing, Holloman AFB, N.M.

"I'm sure it was a wonderful opportunity, but we didn't know about it," said the general's wife, Sandi. But Mrs. Larsen was supportive of her husband nonetheless.

His dual involvement with the black world jet also made him a prime candidate for several documentaries made about the F-117 and his "claim to fame."

"Every once in a while on the History Channel or A&E my face pops up in the middle of a documentary and somebody walks up to me the next day and says 'Hey! I saw you on TV last night!'" the general said.

But what the service members who worked with him will remember most about General Larsen is that he was a caring leader.

"Our input was valued," said Master Sgt. Daniel Vega, noncom-

missioned officer in charge of senior leadership management. "General Larsen would take time out of his schedule to ask our opinion."

Sergeant Vega also worked for General Larsen as the superintendent of the command section when the general commanded 13th Air Force on Andersen AFB, Guam.

The general said the two things he's shaped his leadership techniques around are "taking care of my people and making sure I've listened before I make decisions."

"I saw too many leaders who just made decisions without the benefit of what their people thought," General Larsen said. "If you get their input, even if you disagree and go a different direction, as long as they know they had an input, they'll buy into whatever it is and make it happen."

And when he used that input, "he would give credit where credit was due," Sergeant Vega said.

General and Mrs. Larsen have no immediate plans to embark on a second career. For the time being they will be enjoying a little golf, fishing, and spending time with family and friends.



U.S. Air Force Photo by Airman 1st Class Danielle Powell

Lieutenant Gen. Dennis Larsen, Air Education and Training Command vice commander, retires today after a career that began in 1971. General Larsen, a command pilot with more than 4,200 flying hours, has served in this capacity since April 2005. General Larsen visited CAFB in November for a LEAN conference.

Visit www.columbus.af.mil to learn about Columbus AFB agencies and other important information.

New faces



U.S. Air Force Photo

The 14th Flying Training Wing welcomes the newest graduates of the First Term Airman's Center. Pictured are: (front row) Staff Sgt. Jamie Somers\, FTAC Instructor; Airman Robert Jones, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron; Airman 1st Class Athena Lingquist, 14th Flying Training Wing; Airman 1st Class Chihoa Sihapanya, 14th Comptroller Squadron; Airman 1st Class Aundre Lawrence, 14th Medical Operations Squadron; Airman 1st Class Matthew Risola, 14th Security Forces Squadron; (back row) Airman Michael Holloway, 14th Medical Operations Squadron; Airman 1st Class Bradley Eakin, 14th Operations Support Squadron; Airman 1st Class Kevin Green, 14th Operations Support Squadron and Class Leader; Airman 1st Class Angel Galindo, 14th Contracting Squadron; Tech. Sgt. Brian Bailey, FTAC Instructor.

RODEO

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refueling, and other events showcasing security forces, aerial port, maintenance and aeromedical evacuation personnel. Second, it provides first assignment instructor pilots with insights into the way AMC conducts flying operations.

"Having spent my entire flying career in AETC, I'm looking forward to seeing the things I've been teaching at Columbus executed in this AMC competition," says Capt. Luke Borer, a participating FAIP. "I'm eager to build my instructional skills." As Borer alludes to, the final reason to take a trainer to this event is to validate the training our aircrews undergo at the AETC level of pilot training.

According to Capt. Jared Paine, "It is very important for the 48th FTS to keep our training aligned with AMC operations... this is a perfect check up."

The AMC Rodeo, focuses on improving worldwide air mobility forces' professional core abilities. In regard to the T-1A Jayhawk, aircrews will be competing in a timed arrival competition, a fit to fight challenge, and both simulated airdrop and air refueling events.

"In that we are not capable of meshing with much larger airframes, the T-1s will be strictly competing against each other," says head Rodeo wrangler and team chief Maj. Steve Cochran. "Nonetheless, it promises to be a heated competition. I'm excited to see how our team's preparation stands up to the other squadrons."

According to the Air Mobility Command website, the Rodeo began in 1962 as a combat-skills competition designed to develop and improve techniques and procedures while enhancing air-mobility operations and promoting esprit de corps. In 1979, the rodeo was expanded to include international air-mobility partners. It provides valuable joint and combined training for all participants. An important long-term benefit is increased cooperation among international air-mobility forces. Collectively, the ultimate goal of the competition is to develop and improve techniques and procedures that enhance air-mobility operations. Spirited competition furthers that purpose, while strengthening the mutual goals and esprit de corps developed between competing teams.

ADHD

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tors are ignored due to the high percentage rates that mislead interpretation of the results. Furthermore, results of data involving identical twins fail to show that in all cases where one twin has ADHD, the other twin does as well. This is meaningful in that some-

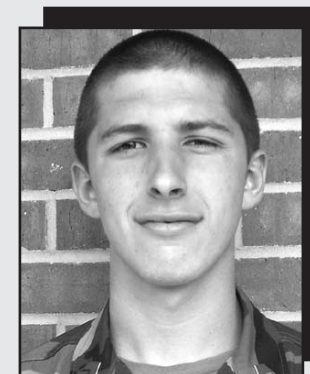
thing other than genetics may account for the presentation of ADHD symptoms in identical twins.

Other sorts of problems exist with medication research related to ADHD. The theories that present the belief that there are "chemical abnormalities" in children diagnosed with ADHD are based on the effects of certain medications that are given to chil-

dren with ADHD. Medicating children diagnosed with ADHD certainly has some positive effects – in fact, medicating any child with such medications, even ones without ADHD, has some positive effects. However, 20 percent to 30 percent of children diagnosed with ADHD may not respond at all or may even show a worsening of behaviors while taking medication. Surprisingly, as

many as 39 percent of children with ADHD will respond to "treatment" when given a placebo and not the actual medication. When the medication is discontinued, the positive effects of treatment disappear. Children diagnosed with ADHD continue to have significant academic, social, and psychiatric impairment during adolescence, even when still being maintained on medications.

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Chief's Scope



Ancillary training "creep" is having a negative impact on our Total Force. Over the years it's expanded to a level that consumes a disproportionate amount of our Airmen's time and jeopardizes mission accomplishment. This is especially true for Airmen in the Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard, who have the least time and computer resources available to conduct anything but their primary duties. In today's smaller yet more capable Air Force, our Airmen's time is at a premium – in fact, your time is critical. I intend to reverse the tide of ancillary training "creep," and give you some of that time back.

I tasked Lt Gen Roger Brady, Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower, Personnel, and Services, and his staff to take a hard look at the various types of ancillary training Airmen were being required to attend. I asked them to quickly implement processes to "kill" or revise training that is no longer required or could be reduced in length or frequency. And I also asked them to consider how we can improve delivery and tracking, all with the goal of cutting the time we spend conducting ancillary training to the minimum level necessary.

They examined 16 training courses which until now took every Airman 609 minutes to complete annually. By eliminating courses that did not add sufficient value and by redesigning others, our proposed plan will reduce the annual ancillary training requirements to 9 courses lasting a total of just 90 minutes per Airman per year! It gives each Airman 8.6 man-hours back per year; gives the Air Force back 6 million man-hours per year; and allows the Air Force to redirect use of labor valued at \$200 million annually.

This is a good start, but we are not done. Next we are going after selected force (applies only to a select group of Airmen) and event driven ("required" for PCS, for example) training for even more savings. Developing our Airmen begins with properly training our people for their combat roles. I will not let ancillary training overshadow our combat focus; these concrete steps should help us re-focus on the training that's really important.

Fly, Fight, and Win!

T. Michael Moseley
General, USAF
18th Chief of Staff

Straight Talk Line

The Straight Talk Line is your direct line to the commander for comments and suggestions on how to make Columbus AFB better. The Straight Talk Line phone number is 434-7058. Callers should leave their full name and phone number to receive an answer. All names are kept confidential.

Written questions may be dropped off at the public affairs office in the wing headquarters building, Bldg. 724. People can also access the Straight Talk program through the Blazeweb at <https://columbusweb> and the main Web site at www.columbus.af.mil. Questions and answers will be edited for brevity.

New service coat to better represent Airmen is set for fit and wear test

Staff Sgt. J.G. Buzanowski
Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — Air Force officials are now set to begin fit and wear tests of the new service coat to better establish a dress uniform that fits the "warrior ethos" Airmen have today.

It's important for the uniform to represent the roles and accomplishments of Airmen, said Brig. Gen. Floyd L. Carpenter, the Airmen Development and Sustainment director.

"We talked extensively to Airmen, both in the field and through the Air Force Uniform Board process, and this is something they've repeatedly asked for," General Carpenter said. "We want a service dress that clearly represents our pride as Airmen and history as a service, and we want to make sure we get it right. That's one of the reasons we're referring to the proposal as the 'Heritage Coat.'"

Air Education and Training Command officials are spearheading the tests, which begin this fall. About 1,000 Airmen will be selected for the initial fit test to find candidates with a variety of body types. Once those Airmen are identified, about 400 of them will actually participate in the 90-day wear test in the spring of 2008.

The test locations are Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., and its Gunter Annex; Lackland and Randolph Air Force Bases in Texas, and the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado. In addition, the Air Force Honor Guard will put the coat through its paces.

The new service coat has gone through several prototypes and Air Force leaders settled on a design similar to the uniform worn by Gen. Hap Arnold.

"We tried several design variations with different lapel styles and sizes, with and without buttons, belted and unbelted, as well as versions with a wide variety of pocket configurations," General Carpenter said. "The prototype coat being tested pulls the strongest mix of detail preferences into one coat and combines them with the latest in textile assembly industry."

Once feedback has been received from the Heritage Coat wear test, the Air Force Uniform Board will make final decisions on the new coat's details and, with approval from Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley, send it into production.

One of the other proposals for the new coat is to have variations based on how formal an event is. For example, an Airman participating in a ceremony might wear his medals on the coat, while a public affairs Airman taking pictures, or a security forces Airman working the door at the event would wear his ribbons. This would allow Airmen to attend a formal event in different capacities, some participating in ceremony, others because of their job, and still be able to perform their

assigned duties while still wearing a dress uniform, General Carpenter said.

Further, another, higher quality fabric Heritage Coat option will be available to Airmen who wish to wear a more professionally tailored uniform. This commercial, custom-tailored coat is being put together through a contract with Brooks Brothers, similar to a contract the Navy has with the company.

The higher quality fabric Heritage Coat will initially be available to general officers, command chiefs and select other individuals. This coat will be available to every Airman a few months after that. The retail price for this coat has yet to be determined.

"Overall we want our Airmen to stand proudly in their dress uniform, and this coat will better represent our contributions today, while evoking the heritage of yesterday," General Carpenter said. "This new coat will help make our Airmen look sharp and it better personifies today's warrior ethos of an Airman engaged in the war on terrorism."



U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Cohen Young

Senior Master Sgt. Dana Athnos models the new Air Force service dress Heritage Coat, designed on the uniform worn by Gen. Hap Arnold. The Air Force launches a fit test this fall with an actual 90-day wear test in the spring of 2008. According to Air Force leaders, the Heritage Coat will give the service a more military look that reflects the warrior ethos Airmen have today.

Taking on a leadership position

Maj. Daniel Olson
14th Flying Training Wing
Judge Advocate

As the PCS season wraps up, many commanders, first sergeants and supervisors find themselves immersed in formal leadership positions for the first time in their careers. Similarly, many seasoned leaders find themselves in charge of new and unfamiliar organizations; they've led before, but face new challenges in new arenas.

I fit squarely in the first category. As a new Staff Judge Advocate, I lead a base legal office for the first time. The Air Force didn't send me in unprepared, though, because our leadership training is a first-class constant. As a result, most Airmen, from first-time supervisors to veteran commanders, have developed, at some level, a personal leadership philosophy. This approach is often intuitive – the result of periodic training mixed with hands-on experience, but never written down or formalized.

Assuming any new job, though, presents a golden opportunity to clarify your leadership perspective. My new assignment has forced me to slow down and think about effective leadership, and here I offer my approach. In keeping with lawyerly tradition, I also offer some caveats. First, my



thoughts serve only as an oversimplified starting point. Second, as with most leadership commentaries, use what's helpful, discard what's not, and adapt as necessary.

With the summer moving season drawing to a close, now's the perfect time to:

See. Find time to close your eyes, block out distractions, and envision the end-state you'd like to see in six months; in one year; and in three years when PCS approaches. Obviously, this is nothing more than goal

setting, and both research and common sense tell us that goals – goals that are challenging yet realistic, specific and measurable – are an invaluable leadership tool. Take the time to formulate organizational goals. Figuring out exactly where you want to go is the first step in any journey.

Sell. Next, do everything you can to get people excited about achieving these goals. After all, if no one particularly cares about the goals you've set, what chance is there of accomplishment? Take time to make organizational goals clear, and thoroughly explain the reasoning behind these goals. Better yet, include your Airmen in step one: when people play a role in establishing organizational goals, and when they understand the "why" behind these goals, they become directly

invested in achievement. When Airmen are energized toward organizational goals, they won't let you down.

Solve. Chances are that a number of obstacles stand between you and your goals: short staffing; limited funds; legal hurdles; technical difficulties; and so on. Take time to identify the discrete problems standing in your way – and solve them. Easier said than done, I know. But use brainstorming sessions, higher headquarters, reservists, reach back, helping agencies, technology, innovation, back-breaking hard work and any other problem-solving techniques you can muster. Bottom line: Airmen will figure out how to get your organization where it needs to go.

Supply. Having identified solutions, next ensure that your people have the training, equipment, time, supplies, and other resources they need to get the job done. Let's face it, at some point in your career, you've been given a task but no training; you've been given a project but inadequate resources – and it frustrated you endlessly. Don't let that happen to your Airmen. If you give Airmen the right tools, they'll get things done.

Steer. I'm not an idealist. Of course unexpected bills will eat up your funds and solutions won't work as planned. So, as a leader, review your goals, obstacles, and solutions frequently – and adjust accordingly. Maybe your goals were unrealistic – or maybe they were too easy. Maybe a problem has gone away or, more likely, a new, unforeseen prob-

lem has made an old problem seem easy. Or, just maybe, things have worked out perfectly. In any case, never underestimate the value of periodic review, to include soliciting positive and negative feedback. Don't blindly stick with a plan that's not quite right. Even the best-laid plans will need periodic adjustment.

Share. Finally, when things go right, when you meet that goal, share credit, rewards and appreciation. Make time for thank-you notes and letters of appreciation, and don't forget about people in other organizations that have helped along the way. Recognize people publicly at a luncheon or commander's call. Use quarterly awards, passes, and off-sites. Simply put, let people know how much they've meant using any of the many Air Force recognition programs available. Remember, a little fun once in a while goes a long way.

You've undoubtedly heard of most of these steps, in one form or another, through your careers, and you know that I've said nothing new. In fact, I could certainly learn a thing or two about leadership from my staff and from any member of the BLAZE Team. But PCS season is winding down, and at some level, we're all leaders adapting to new challenges. Take advantage of this unique time to reflect on your leadership philosophy, and think about how you're going to lead your organization into the future.

Home station support; we can't deploy without it

Chief Master Sgt. James Dowell
14th Mission Support Group Superintendent

At the end of April, I said farewell to my wife and daughter at Golden Triangle Regional Airport, and departed for Southwest Asia. Though I was sad to leave my family behind, I was excited to meet the challenges of deployed duty. Similar scenes involving thousands of Airmen played out at terminals across the world as they too said good bye to their loved ones, then departed to fight the Global War on Terror. Each Airman in the area of responsibility requires a great deal of support to deploy. As I enter the second half of my tour, I'd like to highlight just how important each member of the BLAZE Team is to the Air Expeditionary Force cycle.

Preparation is the key to a successful deployment. Numerous stops must be made around the base before an Airman leaves for the desert. Every aspect must be considered: uniforms, equipment and airline tickets from logistics, shots and public health briefings from the medical group, orders, passports and country clearances from



Mission Support Squadron just to name a few. All of this must be done while finishing projects at work, taking care of personal matters and squeezing in family time. Each Airman relies heavily on the expertise and efficiency of all base agencies to ensure the timely departure and arrival in the AOR with the right equipment and useful training. It takes a tremendous amount of energy for each agency to stay up to date on policies and the unique reporting requirements for each deployed location. The BLAZE Team was clearly up to the challenge, flawlessly sending 62 Airmen to the AOR. No easy task!

Another group among the BLAZE Team that deserves recognition is those who stay behind and take on the duties of their absent comrades. Many have deployed before or will go again shortly, but it continues to be a challenge to take on extra duties and special projects while work centers are short-handed. Not much glory, but the mission depends on the dedication and extra efforts of the men and women who keep things going while others depart.

Last and certainly not least, I send a special thanks to

the families of deployed Airmen as well as their neighbors and base agencies that support them. My family supports me every step of the way and keeps my morale high, though they endure some trials as well. Additionally, I'm continually amazed and humbled by the support my family receives from folks around the base. From the Airmen and Family Readiness Center and the base Chapel to the good people in base housing, thank you for taking care of our families. Knowing our loved ones are in good hands brings great peace of mind when we are 8,000 miles from home.

It's been my pleasure to deploy and serve with great Airmen at this location. They amaze me each day with their professionalism and can-do spirit. Each of us owes a debt of gratitude to the people who helped us deploy, and sustain us and our families. On behalf of the deployed men and women of the BLAZE Team, we extend our thanks to each of you, military and civilian alike, for your support. Everyone who contributes to the Columbus AFB mission of building the world's best warriors, leaders and professional military pilots plays an important role in the lives of all Airmen who deploy. Thanks for your selfless service!

(Editor's Note: Chief Master Sgt. Dowell is presently deployed as the 64th Air Expeditionary Group Superintendent)

Armistice '53

Capt. Tony Wickman
71st Flying Training Wing
Public Affairs

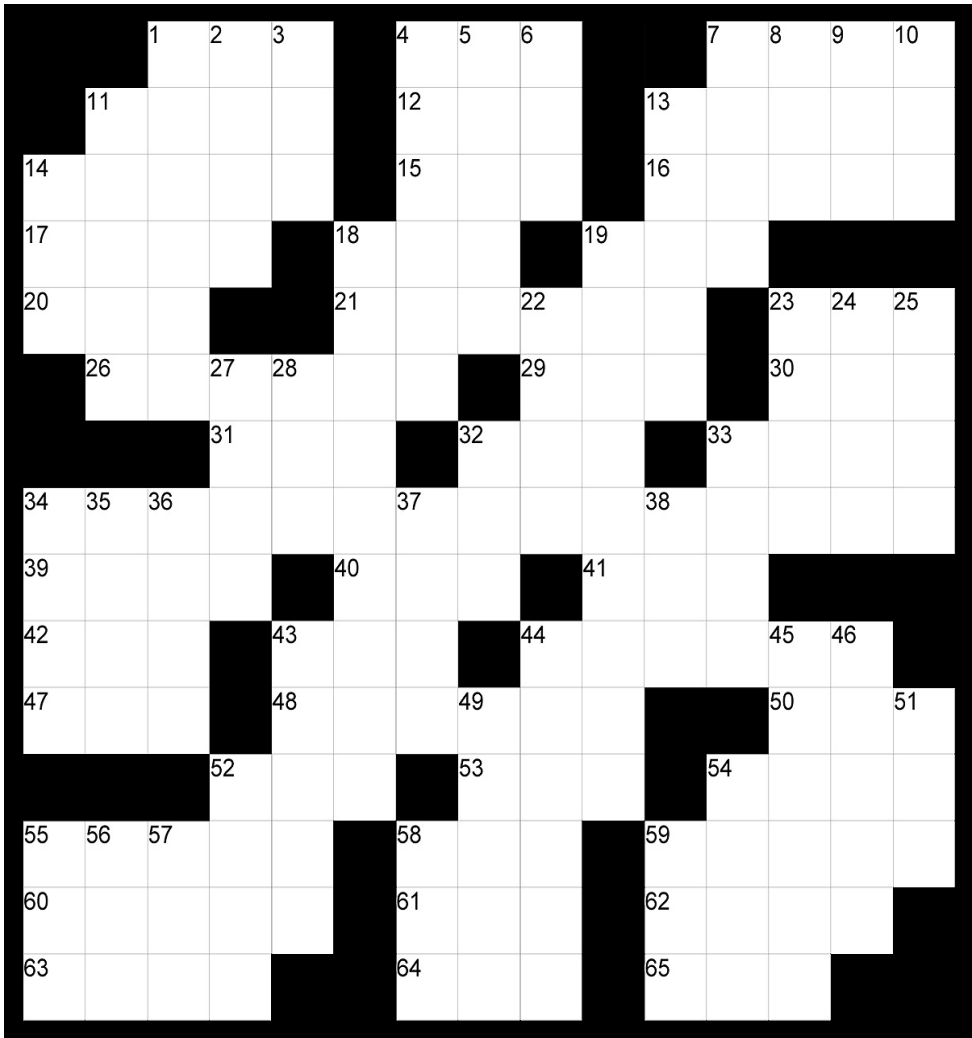
ACROSS

1. Accountant, in brief
4. Head gear
7. Bamboozle
11. Boutique
12. Fish egg
13. ____ Perimeter; 1950 Korean War site
UN forces were pushed to
14. Compose
15. Mistake
16. Peruses
17. Corn shell
18. NY player
19. Place
20. Japanese sash
21. AH-64 helicopter
23. Expire
26. Playful tricks or pranks; capers
29. Coop denizen
30. Computer memory type, in brief
31. Oklahoma town
32. www.af.____
33. ALF search org.
34. Moniker for Korean War
39. Aching
40. Gratuity
41. Age
42. The “I” or self of any person
43. Band of radio frequencies from 300 to 3,000 MHz, in short
44. Tool for cutting shallow holes by removing a core
47. USA equivalent of AFSC
48. Joining of the lips or edges of a wound by stitching
50. Responses used to express dissent, denial
52. Rough, prickly case around the seeds of certain plants

53. Wet, soft earth
54. Chess piece
55. Light amplification by stimulated emission of radiation
58. Dickens’ “tiny” character in A Christmas Carol
59. DPRK ally in the Korean War
60. Brawl
61. Motor club
62. Actress Russo
63. School bigwig
64. Possible response to an ANS
65. Still

DOWN

1. ____ Reservoir; 1950 Korean War battle site
2. ____ Chop Hill/Hill 255; 1952-53 Korean War battle site
3. Mock
4. Slithers
5. Heart valve
6. Each
7. Musical composition for two voices or instruments
8. Supporter of the ROK in the Korean War
9. Bachelor’s spot
10. USN 0-1
11. Portable breathing device for free-swimming divers
13. Strut
14. TV Guide listing for premium cable channel
18. Supreme UN commander at the outbreak of the Korean War
19. Protected or shielded from storms
22. Signed note for money owed for food, drink, etc.
23. Comedian Carey
24. Ninth letter of the Greek alphabet
25. Chieftain or head of state in some Islamic countries
27. 27th president; Chief Justice of the Supreme Court
28. Altar words



32. Swab the deck
33. Break off
34. 1954 Sci-fi horror movie about giant ants
35. French poet, novelist, and dramatist Victor
36. Ancient Greek god of love
37. Knack
38. Before, poetically
43. Overthrow
44. POTUS at the outbreak of the Korean War
45. Consecrate
46. No person; not anyone
49. Open Eskimo boat
51. Modern style of vocalized Jamaican popular music
52. Legume
54. Syngman ____; ROK president at the outbreak of the Korean War
55. Powerful psychedelic drug of the 70s, in brief
56. Capt. Joseph M. McConnell was one in the Korean War
57. USAF E-4
58. 19th letter of the Greek alphabet
59. Weep



There are three different methods people can use to report sexual assault. It’s vital you know the difference!

Unrestricted

Chain of Command, Office of Special Investigations and Law Enforcement are notified immediately.

Restricted

Chain of Command, Office of Special Investigations and Law Enforcement are not notified.

Independent

A third party tells OSI or law enforcement and an investigation is launched. Can occur with a restricted report.

Call the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator at Office: (662) 434-2875 or (662) 434-1130 Cell: (662) 386-0811
24/7 On-Call Hotline: (662) 364-0822.

Chapel Schedule

Protestant

Sunday:
9 a.m. - Contemporary Worship Service
9 a.m. - Adult Bible Study
10:45 a.m. - Traditional Worship
Service (Children's Church)

*All are invited to a fellowship dinner
following the 10:45 a.m. service the fourth
Sunday of each month*

Wednesday:
5:30 p.m. - Bible Study and dinner

Catholic

Sunday:
4:30 p.m. - Confession
5:30 p.m. - Mass

Airman and Family Readiness Center

*(Editor's note: All activities are offered at the
Airman & Family Readiness Center unless oth-
erwise specified. For more information about
any of the activities listed, call 434- 2790.)*

Medical Coding Class

The Medical Coding Class will begin Aug. 13 from 6 to 9 p.m. This class is taught by the East Mississippi Community College Work Force Development. Participants will not receive college credit; however, they will receive a certificate that shows 24 hours of training have been received. Class is held every Monday for eight weeks. This is open to active duty, family members, retirees, civil service and contractors. A workbook must be purchased from EMCC for \$60. Limited seating so be sure to register. For more information, call the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 434-2839 or 434-2790.

Resume Class

This class on resume development and construction will be held Wednesday from 9 to 11 a.m. Also, if you have a resume, bring it along for suggestions on how to improve what you already have. For more information, call the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 434-2839 or 434-2790.

Smooth move

A workshop for relocating families is from 2 to 4 p.m. Aug. 8. Participants will learn what to expect from the travel management office, housing, military pay, legal, billeting, Tricare and the family support center. For more information, call the Airman

and Family Readiness Center and 434-2790.
Pre-Deployment/Remote Tour Briefs

Military personnel going remote or being deployed must attend a mandatory briefing held daily at 9 a.m. For more information, call the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 434-2790.

New Spouse Welcome Binders

A special binder packed full of information for spouses of active duty personnel. Binders are available by stopping in at the Airman and Family Readiness Center. Pick up this valuable binder for military life and local area information. Then sign up for the Heart Link Lunch Social on July 25 to meet other spouses, get answers to your questions and a chance to win great door prizes. For more information, call the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 434-2790.

Local Employment Workshop

Are you looking for employment? Every Wednesday at 1 p.m. attend this workshop for information not only on possible job opportunities, but info on creating great resumes, cover letters and interviewing techniques. Bring along your resume if you would like to have it reviewed. For more information, call the Airman and Family

Base News

Readiness Center at 434-2839.

School Registratiron

The Columbus Municipal School District will offer on-base registration on Monday from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Education Service building, building 916. Parents also have the option to register at CMSD. Registration will be held at Lee Middle School on Monday and Tuesday. Parents residing on Columbus Air Force Base who intend to enroll their children in CMSD will need the following documentation: proof of residency letter from Base Housing; immunization slip for Mississippi schools (may be obtained by taking immunization records to the clinic; if records are not available, you will be issued a temporary slip to take to school until records are received); copy of most recent report card or transcript from previous school; address and/or phone number of previous school; and a copy of birth certificate and social security card. Youth entering kindergarten must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1 of the current school year to attend.

CAFB Chapel Programs

Volunteers are needed for our Wednesday evening children's program Pioneer Club. Bible Studies for adults and a youth class, grades 8 through 12, will be offered as well. We are also looking for volunteers to help out in our Wee Celebrate Room for youth up

to 2 years old. If you would like to get involved with this children's program please call the chapel and speak with Ida Hall 434-2500.

Girl Scouts

Girl Scouts have just arrived to Columbus AFB. To sign up or for more information, call Staff Sgt. Tarja Hines at 425-3831.

Supply Customers

If a special piece of equipment or furniture is needed for an office, contact the Inspection Section of Base Supply. Inspection maintains the Last Look Area, which has used equipment and furniture turned in from other organizations that no longer have a need for the times. All items in the Last Look Area are available without charge to your organization. For more information, call the Inspection Section at 434-7233 or 434-7234.

Pentagon Channel

CAFB personnel can view the Pentagon Channel on Channel 64. For more information, call 434-7068.

Victim Advocates

There will training for those interested in becoming Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Team victim advocates began Tuesday. Classes will meet every Tuesday from 1 to 5 p.m. in the MEO Classroom. Forty hours of training is required to become a victim advocate and is open to all active duty and civil service civilians. For more

information, call the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator at 434-2875 or 386-0811.

Thrift Shop Hours

The Thrift Shop will be open only on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. during the month of July. The Thrift Shop will be closed the first week in July.

Tuition Assistance

Participants may request Tuition Assistance before the start of classes or by the end of late registration. It is the student's responsibility to provide approved TA voucher to the school. In addition, students must notify the Education Office when they add, drop or withdrawal from a class for TA is being received. For more information, call the Education Office at 434-2562.

SOLUTION FOR LAST WEEK

(Current weeks puzzle on page 8)



Performer of the Month



U.S. Air Force Photo

Senior Airman Tess Kelley, 14th Comptroller Squadron, receives a congratulatory letter from Col. Tom Philipkosky, 376th Air Expeditionary Wing vice commander, for being the June Rotational Performer of the Month. She was no. 1 out of 13 customer service and support technicians up for the award.



T-1A Jayhawk



T-38C Talon

SUPT Class 07-12 earns silver wings



Capt. Cristian Murray
Cohoes, N.Y.
F-15E, Seymour-Johnson AFB, N.C.



1st Lt. Matthew Battle
Beverly Hills, Mich.
T-1, Columbus AFB, Miss.



1st Lt. Daniel Dickinson
Sumter, S. C.
F-15C/22, Tyndall AFB, Fla.



1st Lt. Brady Merrill
Salt Lake City, Utah
F-15E, Seymour-Johnson AFB, N.C.



1st Lt. H. Lindon Rainey III
Manning, S.C.
C-17, Charleston AFB, S.C.



1st Lt. Eric Ringelstetter
Sauk Prairie, Wis.
F-16, Luke AFB, Ariz.



1st Lt. Eric Swenson
San Clemente, Calif.
F-16, Luke AFB, Ariz.



1st Lt. Jose Vergara
El Toro, Calif.
KC-135, McConnell AFB, Kan.



1st Lt. Robert Willoughby
Chicago, Ill.
C-5, Travis AFB, Calif.



2nd Lt. Justin Christiansen
Garland, Utah (ANG)
KC-135, Eielson AFB, Alaska



2nd Lt. Jason Forbes
Brighton, Mich. (ANG)
KC-135, Selfridge ANGB, Mich.



2nd Lt. Wade Hendrickson
Little Rock, Ark. (ANG)
A-10, Ft. Smith, Ark.



2nd Lt. Timothy McBee
Kokomo, Ind. (AFRC)
KC-135, Grissom ARB, Ind.

Nineteen officers have prevailed during a year of training, earning the right to be an Air Force pilot.

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 07-12 graduates at 10 a.m. today during a ceremony at the theater.

The graduation speaker is Major Gen. Stephen Miller, Commandant, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala. The Air War College is the Air Force's senior professional military education institution providing post-graduate senior leader development programs focused on joint, multinational, multi-agency warfighting and international security operations, air and space force strategy development, and national security planning.

Students receive their silver pilot's wings at the ceremony, and students who excelled in their respective training tracks are recognized.

First Lts. Herman Rainey, T-1, and Daniel Dickinson, T-38, received the Air Education and Training Command Commander's Trophy for being the most outstanding students overall in their classes.

The Air Force Association Award was presented to Capt. Cristian Murray, T-38, and 1st Lt. Matthew Battle, T-1. The award is presented to a graduate in each flight who excelled in training and typified the tenets of the association — promoting aerospace power and a strong national defense.

Lieutenants Dickinson and Rainey were named distinguished graduates.

The 52-week pilot training program begins with a six-week preflight phase of academics and physiological training to prepare students for flight.

The second phase, primary training, is conducted in the twin-engine, subsonic

T-37 Tweet. Some complete this phase in the single-engine, turboprop T-6A Texan 2 at Moody AFB, Ga. Students learn aircraft flight characteristics, emergency procedures, takeoff and landing procedures, aerobatics and formation flying.

Students also practice night, instrument and cross country navigation flying.

Primary training takes about 23 weeks and includes 254.4 hours of ground training, 27.3 hours in the flight simulator and 89 flying hours.

After primary training, students select, by order of merit, advanced training in the fighter-bomber or airlift-tanker track.

Both tracks are designed to best train pilots for successful transition to their follow-on aircraft and mission.

Advanced training for the fighter track is done in the T-38 Talon, a tandem-seat, twin-engine supersonic jet. T-38 training emphasizes formation, advanced aerobatics and navigation. Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 381 hours of ground events, 31.6 hours in the flight simulator and 118.7 flying hours.

The airlift-tanker track uses the T-1A Jayhawk, the military version of a multi-place business jet.

Instruction centers on crew coordination and management, instrument training, cross-country flying and simulated refueling and airdrop missions. Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 185 hours of ground training, 43 hours in the flight simulator and 104 flying hours.

The class reunites on graduation day, when students receive the aeronautical rating of pilot and begin their careers as U.S. Air Force pilots. (Editor's note: The class's pilot partners are Harvey's, The Grill and Pepper's Deli.)



BLAZE Team offered summertime entertainment

Strings class: The Family Member Program Flight offers a Strings class for children, ages eight and older. This class will be taught by Mrs. Denise Burcham who has a degree in Violin Performance from Baylor University and Masters Studies in Music Education from University South Carolina. Mrs. Burcham is interested in providing services for Violin, Viola, Cello and Bass. The classes would follow the current school year. If interested please contact Kat Savage at 434-2316 or katherine.savage@columbus.af.mil.

Parents day out: The Child Development Center and Youth Center will offer this program from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 18. Cost is \$3 per hour per child. Register by Aug. 15 at the respective activity. A \$5 deposit is required when registering. For more information, call 434-2479 for the child development center and 434-2504 for the youth center.

Adult and youth crafts classes: The arts and crafts center offers adult classes Tuesdays and youth classes Wednesdays. Upcoming adult classes include making a magnetic name or address sign, a welcome sign for garden or gate, a cherry napkin holder and switch-plate and a kitchen message center.

Youth classes include making brick bookends, bug clip for chips, ice cream mobile, a memo and photo board and a fish switch plate.

A display of all projects is available in the center's lobby. For more information, call 434-7836.

Fall golf leagues: The Whispering Pines fall golf league begins Aug. 6. Register your team by Aug. 4 at the pro shop. Number of weeks of play is determined by the number of teams entered. For more information, call 434-7932.

Winter bowling leagues: The bowling center is forming their winter bowling leagues with league meetings scheduled for the week of Aug. 19. Register your team at the bowling center pro shop and attend the meeting to decide on officers, league fees, number of weeks in the league, etc. Leagues offered are: the Sunday night four-person mixed league, Monday Night mens league, Tuesday night mixed league, Wednesday morning Seniors, Thursday night ladies league and Saturday morning youth league.

For more information, call 434-2426.

Preteen night: The youth center offers a tournament night for preteens from 8 to 11 p.m. Friday. Register and pay by Wednesday at the youth center. Cost is \$4 if paid by Wednesday or \$6 if paid after that date.

FitFactor contests: This summer youth are invited to enter two FitFactor contests: an essay contest and a photography contest. Participants can

help their base to win \$1,000 for each contest to support youth programs at Columbus AFB. The essay contests ask participants to write an essay on "How has FitFactor changed my habits?". The photography contest encourages participants to photograph FitFactor in action. The top ten entries, Air Force wide, in the essay contest and photography contest will receive \$1,000 for their base youth programs. Deadline for entries in both contests is Aug. 15 to the youth center. For more information, call 434-2504.

Self help car wash: There is a self-help car wash located behind the youth center on ninth street. Cost is \$1 for 5 minutes and customers may add a quarter for each additional minute before the time ends for an extended wash. Call 434-7842.

Breakfast burritos: The mobile snack bar van has breakfast burritos available Monday through Friday mornings from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. Watch for the van and flag it down if you would like to purchase one. Cost is \$1.75 each. Breakfast burritos are also available at the bowling center. For more information, call 434-2426.

Massage therapy: The fitness center offers massage therapy by appointment only. Cost is \$30 for 30 minutes, \$50 for 60 minutes and \$75 for 90 minutes.

For more information or to make an appointment, call 251-3058.

Pool party reservations: The base swimming pool is available for pool parties in the evenings starting at 7:30 p.m. and ending no later than midnight. A deposit of \$25 is required when making a reservation. This deposit is non-refundable if cancelled within 48 hours of party. Cost is \$75 for Friday, Saturday or Sunday and \$60 for Monday through Thursday night parties. For more information, call 434-2507.

Family child care license: Family child care involves the regular care of a child in the home of another family. Individuals caring for other families' children for more than ten hours a week on a regular basis must be licensed. The advantages of being a Family Child Care Provider would allow you to enjoy children and have them in your home, a way to add to the family income without having to work outside the home and caring for the child of a neighbor or friend. It also is a good way to provide playmates and companionship for your own child.

For more information on the free training, materials and licensing procedures contact the Family Child Care office located in the Child Development Center. For more information please call the FCC office, 434-3047.

Bowl a strike



U.S. Air Force Photo by Pam Wickham

Technical Sgt. Jay David, 14th Medical Operations Squadron, gets ready to bowl in the Jimmy Buffett Night No-Tap Tournament Saturday night. The next no-tap tournament is Aug. 24 starting at 7 p.m. For more information, call 434-2426.

Lunchtime take out orders available at the Club

Monday through Thursday

Call in starts at 10:30 a.m. pick up 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Club members receive a \$1 Discount

Cheese Pizza	\$5.00
Pepperoni Pizza	\$5.50
Three Meat Pizza (pepperoni, sausage and hamburger)	\$6.50
Deluxe Pizza (three meats, peppers, onions and olives)	\$6.50
Philly cheese steak with fries	\$6.95
Hot roast beef & Swiss sandwich on an onion roll with fries	\$6.95
Chef Salad	\$6.95
Happy Burger with Fries	\$6.95
Taco Salad	\$6.95
Daily Blue Plate Specials with rolls	\$6.25

Monday - meat loaf, rice & gravy & chef's vegetables.

Tuesday - schnitzel with yager sauce, German potato salad and chef's vegetables.

Wednesday - chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and country gravy and chef's vegetables.

Thursday - barbecue pulled pork, corn on the cob and slaw.

Call 434-2419 to place an order.

14TH FLYING TRAINING WING

BLAZING

BALLS



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TIME: 1700

WHEN: JULY 3

WHERE: COLUMBUS CLUB

FOLLOWING 07-13

ASSIGNMENT NIGHT

EMAIL 2ND LT. DUSTIN WADE AT

dustin.wade@columbus.af.mil

TO REGISTER OR FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Strategic National Stockpile Volunteer Training: The Strategic National Stockpile volunteer training will take place Aug. 11 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the education room at the Okitibbeha County Hospital, Starkville, Miss. Lunch will be provided during the training. The SNS is the stockpiles of supplies and medicines that are requested from the federal government in times of disaster. This was utilized during Hurricane Katrina and many hospitals and clinics received supplies and medicines. For more information, call Meagan Coughlin at (662) 327-0807 or email her at volunteercenter@cableone.net.

Summer Reading Program: The Summer Reading Program at the Columbus Public Library will run for six weeks now through Tuesday. The program will be on Tuesdays from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Columbus Public Library. This is for youth in kindergarten through sixth grade. The library is hosting Carlos Salazar's collection of Law Enforcement and Security Badges. The collection contains badges from the Lowndes County Sheriff's Department, law enforcement agencies from western states including Texas, Arizona and New Mexico, and tribal nations such as the

Navajo Nation, the Toho O'Odham Nation, the Yavapai Nation, the Flathead Nation and the Fort McDowell Indian Reservation. This collection is on display at the entrance to the Children's Story Hour Room on the second floor. For more information, call 329-5300.

Exhibit on display: The Columbus War Museum is partnering with the Columbus-Lowndes Public Library to exhibit artifacts and memorabilia from the museum's holdings. The exhibit features items donated by local servicemen and women and their families and documents American foreign wars from WWII to the present. Included in the exhibit will be a history of the Columbus AFB and a slideshow of photos of the December 7, 1941, Japanese surprise attack on Pearl Harbor. On display will be the uniform and medals of Lt. Col. R.S. Armstrong, who served in the U.S. Army in the European Theatre during WWII, the uniform and medals of General Shield Sims, a B-24 pilot in the China-Burma-India Theatre during WWII, and the medals of Harold J. Johnson, a U.S. Navy seaman who was present at the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor in 1942. At the ceremony, veterans will have the opportunity to document their experiences on video tape,

which will be deposited with the museum. The taping of veterans will continue to be available in the library's conference room on the following July 24, Aug. 7 and 21 from 3 to 5 p.m. For more information on the museum contact Wayne White at (205) 662-4129.

Hurricane Katrina remembrance: To remember the two-year anniversary of Hurricane Katrina the library will also feature a display of photographs documenting the destruction it caused in New Orleans. The photos were taken by New Orleans native Brice Miller and local photographer Chris Jenkins of the Lower 9th Ward almost six weeks after the storm and present a compelling vision of the magnitude of the devastation. In addition, the library will host a Hurricane Katrina retrospective program featuring Brice Miller. Brice will recollect his experiences and thoughts on the hurricane on the night of Aug. 28 at 7 p.m. in the library's meeting room.

For more information about local area events, e-mail AFRC@columbus.af.mil or call the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 434-2790.

Sports Shorts

FitFactor Sports Day: Sports Camp: Youth, ages 5 to 12, are invited to participate in this fun sports camp Monday to Friday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. each day. Cost is \$15 per person and includes instruction in a variety of sports and a camp T-shirt. For more information, call 434-2504.

Adult Golf Clinic: The adult golf clinic price has changed. It is now \$30 per person and limited to the first 12 to register and pay. The clinic will be held Monday to Friday and includes eight hours of instruction, free use of rental clubs during clinic and 3-hole graduation scramble. Clinic is held from 4:30 to 6 p.m. each day. For more information, call 434-7932.

Youth Fall Soccer Registration: The Youth Center opens registration for the fall soccer program today to August 10 for ages three to 13. Cost is \$25 for ages three to four if registered by Aug. 10 or \$40 if registered after Aug. 10. Cost is \$35 for ages five to 13 if registered by Aug. 10 or \$50 if registered after Aug. 10. Games will begin in September. For more information, call 434-2504.

Flag Football Challenge: There will be a 7-on-7 flag football challenge Aug. 4 on the field behind the Security Forces building. A sign up sheet will be in the Fitness Center, sign up no later than Aug. 3. For more information, call Senior Airman Thomas Lebon at the Fitness Center at 434-2775.

Amazing Race Standings

Place	Team	Miles
1	Fab 5	295
1	Logan's Hereos	295
1	The King and His Court	295
4	TDB	237
5	Pavement Pounders	229
6	Free Ride	224
6	Rubicon	224
6	Run For Your Life	224
6	Physiological Incident	224
10	VFR-Very Fast Runners	212
11	The Hall Monitors	199
12	Roadrunners	164
13	Sultans of Salt	131
14	Walker's For Life	101
15	4 Chicks and A Rooster	92
16	Money Train	66
17	The Killers	65

OSS clinches the softball championship

Senior Airman Montez Robinson
14th Services Division

The 2007 Intramural Softball Season came to an end Wednesday night in some what of a shocking fashion.

Going into the second night of playoffs 14th Mission Support Squadron, the number one seed, and 14th Security Forces Squadron, the number two seed, were both put out of the tournament by the 50th Flying Training Squadron, the last place team entering into the post season games. For the 50th FTS, a chance of taking home the championship seemed hopeful.

So, heading into the championship night of the tournament the 14th Operations Support Squadron, third seed, 48th Flying Training Squadron, fourth seed, and the 50th FTS, sixth seed, were vying for the first place trophy in which 14th Civil Engineer Squadron was currently defending. The 14th CES took an early exit out of the tournament in the first night allowing the 48th FTS to advance.

The 14th OSS began the tournament winning putting a halt to the momentum of the 50th FTS in the first night winning 18 to 8. The 50th FTS fought their way back to the top in the loser's bracket. Again, the 50th FTS would have to face the 14th OSS for a



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Members of the 48th Flying Training Squadron intramural softball team pose with the second place trophy after falling short in the championship game Wednesday night. They were defeated by the 14th Operations Support Squadron in a double elimination tournament.

second time. Fortunately for the 14th OSS, they defeated the 50th FTS again which advanced them to the championship game playing against the 48th FTS. The 14th OSS still had a hill to climb.

In order to win the 2007 softball season they needed to beat the undefeated 48th FTS twice. The 48th FTS had not lost a game since the playoffs began. But, the 14th OSS successfully handed the 48th FTS their first loss by defeating

them 22 to 15. The "Unstoppable" 14th OSS had the momentum coming off the last two wins. The 48th FTS knew that if they were going to take home first place they would have to make changes to their lineup. Unfortunately, the changes did not deter the 14th OSS from clinching the championship and take home the winning trophy.

Congratulations to the 14th OSS for clinching the 2007 intramural softball season championship.



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Members of the 14th Operations Support Squadron intramural softball team pose with the first place trophy after winning the championship Wednesday night. They defeated the 48th Flying Training Squadron in a double elimination tournament.